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REF: JAKARTA 16353, STATE 313406

FOLLOWING IS MTN DEL RESPONSE TO ASEAN JOINT MEMORANDUM
(REFTELS):

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 20 ENCLOSING THE
TEXT OF THE ASEAN JOINT MEMORANDUM TO THE UNITED STATES
WITH REFERENCE TO THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS ON TROPICAL
PRODUCTS IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. THE
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ASEAN JOINT MEMORANDUM REQUESTS THE UNITED STATES TO
IMPROVE THE SCOPE AND CONTENT OF ITS INITIAL OFFER.

I HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED BY MY AUTHORITIES TO CON-
FIRM THAT OUR OFFER IS NEGOTIABLE BUT THAT THE UNITED
STATES IS NOT PREPARED TO MAKE UNILATERAL CONCESSIONS IN
THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. YOU

WILL RECALL THAT WHEN WE TABLED OUR INITIAL OFFER MARCH 1, 1976, THE UNITED STATES MADE IT CLEAR IN THE HEADNOTE TO ITS OFFER THAT WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT CONCESSIONS ARE GRANTED WOULD DEPEND ON THE EXTENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY COUNTRIES WHICH RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS FROM THE CONCESSIONS. WE HAVE, AS YOU KNOW, CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED THIS POSITION AND HAD OCCASION TO RESTATE IT IN A PLURILATERAL CONSULTATION WITH THE DELEGATIONS OF THE ASEAN COUNTRIES ON NOVEMBER 16, 1976. IT THUS CAME AS SOMETHING OF A SURPRISE TO MY AUTHORITIES TO NOTE THE ASEAN REQUEST THAT WE UNILATERALLY TAKE MEASURES TO IMPROVE OUR OFFER WITH NO INDICATION ON THE PART OF ASEAN COUNTRIES AS TO STEPS THEY MIGHT BE PREPARED TO TAKE IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD NOT BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED. WE REMAIN OPEN TO NEGOTIATION ABOUT THE KINDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS ASEAN COUNTRIES WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE AND TO CONSIDER AT THE SAME TIME POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE UNITED STATES OFFER.

I AM TAKING THE LIBERTY OF SENDING A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO THE MTN DELEGATIONS OF EACH OF THE ASEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES.

THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WILL RETURN FROM THE HOLIDAY PERIOD ON JANUARY 10 AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES AT ANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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